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MEMORANDUM FOR: Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM : [redacted]
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SUBJECT : Proposed Foreign Travel

1. In late September 1982, the NATO Military Committee will hold its semi-annual meeting of Chiefs of Staff in London. In support of this meeting, the Chairman, JCS, has requested through DOD channels that the judgments of the pending IIM on Soviet Ground Force Readiness be briefed by the US at this meeting. Colonel [redacted] (DIA/DB), Chairman of the CIA-DIA Working Group drafting the IIM, has been selected as the DOD briefer and the briefing is being prepared by DIA. We will have a coordinated (but unpublished) IIM by the time of the NATO meeting. Pending review of the final product for classification, my hope is to publish the IIM at the NATO SECRET level. [redacted]

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2. DIA has suggested, and I agree, that, since this briefing will be based on a Community study, it would be advantageous to have a joint briefing team. At this point we have not discussed whether the additional representative should be from SOVA or the NIO/GPF. I would lean toward a senior SOVA analyst who participated in the study. In either case, however, the NIC would have to pick up the tab [redacted] SOVA apparently has committed its remaining travel funds for FY 82. [redacted]

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3. General Atkeson and I will be discussing this trip when he returns from leave. I would appreciate a reading from you, however, on sending a CIA-DIA team for this briefing. [redacted]

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